

## **Minutes of Southampton Cycling Campaign meeting held on Monday 21st June 2016**

**Present:** 13 members, David Cooper (Chair), Stephen Edwards (Vice Chair), Lindsi Bluemel (Secretary), Sue and Barrie Colborne (Treasurer and Membership Secretary), Jim Probert (Minutes Secretary), Tina Davis, Peter Davis, John Heath, Mark Small, Alan Sharpen, Hugh Davis, Su White.

### **Apologies:**

David Thomas (Web-site Manager and IT Advisor), Jon Bingham (Events Coordinator).

### **Approval of last month's minutes,**

Minutes of previous meeting agreed. The committee commented that future minutes to be published on SCC website and distributed using rise up, Jim Probert to liaise with David Thomas for this to be done.

**Action: Jim Probert**

### **Bike Week and Membership Drive**

David Cooper reported that he attended many of the events, including the SKY ride event, and a good number of new members joined at the SKY ride stand and bike week events. We now have 80 members and 20+ new members signed up.

Lindsi reported that she was unable to get any publicity from The My Journey stall. They were not permitted to display any SCC leaflets. As they had a directive to only promote bigger cycle organisations such as SKY events. Dale Bostock had said there was a problem uploading the information to My Journey.

The SCC bike week talks and lead rides were enjoyed by all who attended.

### **Election Campaign Responses.**

For the run up to local elections we had the space for cycling initiative, David Thomas has coordinated responses from the letters received, and will report back at the next meeting. As a follow up we should now invite Councillors individually or Ward based to an informal meeting to discuss cycling issues within the city centre. It was agreed that we should look at having a meeting at the Mettricks Cafe, pub or nearby venue, and begin with a meeting with Bargate Ward Councillors.

**Action: Lindsi Bluemel and David Thomas**

### **Jenny Barnes Petition on Air Quality/Cyclist Consultation**

So far 320 individuals have signed Jenny Barnes's petition asking for more systematic consultation with sustainable transport groups on planning applications:

<https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/consult-on-sustainable-transport-in-planning-applications>

Lindsi to ask what she has done as result of this support, and what we can do to further support this request

**Action: Lindsi Bluemel and Stephen Edwards**

## **Southampton Cycle Forum**

Lindsi, Peter and Tina gave a short report of the meeting.

My Journey representatives had received no further funding to continue with their initiatives in Southampton, and were slightly rueful that their bid had been unsuccessful. Funding opportunities for cycling support to be discussed at the next forum.

Central Station Bridge improvements, both for vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians and reengineer-ing of the roundabout to a traffic controlled junction. The council is looking for funding for this project from Network Rail. We will suggest that a small group of us could meet with the engineers on site, and look at the proposed plans.

**Action: Stephen Edwards to send request to Dale**

Initiative to produce tube style maps, showing useful cycle routes across the city. There is sufficient funding to sign one or two of these routes.

Improvements are planned for the Itchen Bridge, Kingsbridge Lane and Bitterne Triangle. SCC is willing to work with Dale to look at improving the Bitterne Triangle junction.

**Action: Stephen Edwards to send request to Dale**

Second Avenue diversion to North side of the carriageway is in place whilst work is been done on the current cycle way in front of the UPS depot. Work will begin on the 20th June 2016 for 12 to 14 weeks route using the existing crossings west of Millbrook Roundabout and the subway near Allington Lane; plan is also available on SCC Facebook page and Hugh's blog. Stephen to contact Dale Bostock for plans so we can check out the temporary route and see what action to remove barriers and prohibition signs is needed.

**Action: Stephen Edwards**

Dale Bostock requested suggestions for good locations for new cycle racks. To be included in next newsletter.

**Action: David Cooper**

## **Campaign Priorities for 2016-17**

SCC could focus on finalizing its list of top 10 key routes/junctions/problems and then campaign on this, looking at how successful we have been in achieving them by the end of the year.

A number of alternative priorities for the year were discussed at the meeting, including some quick win ideas.

- 1 Western Approach route – needs upgrading to be a super highway
- 2 Revision of pothole filling policy to include width, position as well as depth
- 3 Advanced stop lines ASL's
- 4 Better Junction Schemes, with improved designs.
- 5 Make space for cycling, as recommend by CTC survey in Cambridge.

All new infrastructures should meet minimum standard. Benefits, Design principles, Local Streets, Main Streets, Major roads, Leisure routes, Cycle Parking, Endorsements.

- 6 Improve the condition of all roads in the city.
- 7 Push for a decent route East out of the City
- 8 Bitterne Gyrotory
- 9 Dropped kerbs and signage on and off Itchen Bridge so cyclist can use safe route down to Woolston
- 10 Improving the subway on the common, improve surface and have keep left signs for cyclists and a separated path for pedestrians.
- 11 Concordat with Buses and Taxi Firms re driver behaviour

**Action: 1) Informal Mtg on 29 June at Wellington Arms 8pm to finalise top 10 ideas 2) Further request for ideas on rise-up 3) Refine/finalise priorities at our Next Meeting – David/Lindsay/Stephen**

## **Membership 2017**

Jon Bingham has suggested we move to free membership to encourage more new members to join. As we have just reduced cost of membership we will see how membership grows, then review should we fail to recruit sufficient new members.

## **Itchen Bridge Survey**

Following the survey of the Itchen junction, the results were shared with the City Council and they are still working on plans on what re-modelling is needed.

We will now look at producing a factual article on the survey results, for the Echo.

**Action: Pete and Tina Davies/Stephen Edwards**

## **Meeting Calendar and dates,**

Stephen has put together a SCC calendar for 2016-17 of meetings, informal pub meetings and rides. Appendix is attached below.

## **Salisbury Road**

Nothing to report but Pete to contact NATRANS to see if a stopping up request has been lodged.

**Action: Pete and Tina Davies**

## **Newsletter**

David said it is well subscribed by members and wished to build on its success, but to do this he required more articles from the committee and members.

**Action: David Cooper**

## **Hugh's Blog**

Hugh has created a blog <http://cyclists-dismount.blogspot.co.uk> It has an article on the western approach diversion route and the Payne's Road obstruction which is forcing cars to swerve into cycle lane. The blog could be linked to our website

**Action: 1) Hugh Davis/ David Thomas 2) Stephen Edwards to query Payne's Rd with Dale**

## **Nursling and Rownhams, Romsey Road Bridge replacement**

Mark gave a report and showed plans of the replacement bridge over the M27 at Rownhams. The detailed plans, showed a level single two way carriageway road with shared use cycle path along each side of the bridge. Some of the committee would have preferred a pedestrian path and on road cycle facility. This is a long term project and will take three years to complete, including the removal of high power cables and temporary replacement before one carriageway of the old bridge can be demolished.

Details of the plan and shared use path to be put on rise up. Mark to send a note round on the options so that we can discuss and finalise our response at July 11th meeting.

**Action: Mark Small**

## **Advanced stop lines (ASL's)**

Ask Dale if its policy to remove lead in lanes to ASL's. A number of now been removed including Bridge Road to Victoria Road, Platform Road, Burgess Road. Stephen to ask Dale what the position is. It was noted that National policy is not to remove lead in lanes.

**Action: Stephen Edwards**

## **Public Meeting**

A public meeting on the Strategy for Air Quality (cycle implications/ plans) was suggested – we could invite members of the public/the wider cycling community to attend. To discuss with the council how they are going to improve the air quality in the city, such as improving the sequence of lights, route re-surfacing, signposting etc. Request to be made to the Air Quality team to give a presentation at a public meeting in the autumn/winter.

**Action: Stephen Edwards/Lindsay Bluemel**

### **Informal Meeting**

July informal committee meeting – to discuss cycling ride leaders insurance cover and policy of collecting names and emergency contact numbers, as published in the CTC leaders manual. Next meeting.

**Action David Cooper**

### **The Next Informal Meeting:**

Wednesday 29th June at 8pm at The Wellington Arms, Park Rd, Freemantle, SO15 3DE. To discuss Top 10 Infrastructure Needs.

**Action: Stephen Edwards/ Lindsay Bluemel**

### **AOB:**

#### **Botley cycle route meeting**

It was reported by Mark that a new bypass is planned around Botley, the plans were shown of the route to the North of the Village from the Maypole Roundabout to Fair Oak Road and continue to the junction of the A3051 and A344 at Pinkmead Farm

**Meeting was closed at 10:15 pm**

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[Appendix](#)

[DRAFT Southampton Cycle Campaign Meetings CALENDAR 2016-17](#)

[We aim to:](#)

- Hold monthly formal business meetings at St Denys Community Centre on the 2nd Monday of the month starting at 7:30 pm
- Arrange informal discussion/social get-togethers at pubs or cafés during the 4th week of the month from 8pm
- Review strategy/progress via periodic (potentially quarterly) committee meetings of Officers
- Offer Monthly Rides on Sundays (often the 3rd Sunday) starting at 9:45 am
- Hold the occasional public meeting and talk eg during Bike Week in June
- To be represented at Council and other Cycle Meetings eg Southampton Cycling Forum (usually quarterly)

DRAFT CALENDAR OF MEETINGS (May 2016 – May 2017) - to be confirmed via Rise-Up:

May

1 Isle of Wight Randonee

9 AGM & Business Meeting

17 (Tues) Pub Meeting (Waterloo Arms) – Bike Wk + Skyride

22 Ride - Brummel Bummel (from 4 Horseshoes)

30 Environmental Rock stall – Hobbit Pub

31 Southampton Cycle Forum (Guildhall)

June

12 Sky Ride Stall

13-17 Bike Week Rides

14 Wooden Bike talk Friends Meetings House 7:30pm

15 Use of GPS + IT talk St Denys Community Centre 8pm approx.

20 Monthly Business Meeting

29 (Weds) Pub Meeting (Wellington Arms) – to discuss Top 10 Infrastructure Needs

July

4 (Mon) Committee Meeting - tbc

11 Monthly Business Meeting

17 Ride to Upham (from Cobden Bridge)

28 (Thurs) Pub Meeting (South West Arms)

August

No Monthly Business Meeting

21 Ride to Stoke Bay (from Bursledon Station)

26 (Fri) Pub Social (Duke of Wellington)

Sept

10 (Sat) Ride to Test Valley Churches (HCPT Ride & Stride) from 4 Horseshoes

12 Monthly Business Meeting (inc start newsletter planning)

26 (Mon) Pub Meeting (Blue Keys) (inc newsletter planning)

Oct

3. Committee Meeting - tbc

10 Monthly Business Meeting

16 Ride to Bursledon from Woolston Station

25 (Tues) Pub Meeting (The Obelisk)

Nov

Plan PUBLIC MEETING on AIR QUALITY cycle plans???

14 Monthly Business Meeting

20 Ride to Copythorne from 4 Horsehoes

30 Café meeting (Arts Café) - tbc

Dec

12 Monthly Business Meeting

18 Ride to Hillier's from 4 Horseshoes

January

9 Monthly Business Meeting

16 Committee Meeting – tbc

22 Campaign ride? - tbc

26 (Thurs) Pub Meeting (The Dancing Man)

Feb

13 Monthly Business Meeting

19 Campaign ride? - tbc

27 (Mon) Café Meeting – Art House?

March

13 Monthly Business Meeting

16 Campaign ride? – tbc

28 (Tues) Pub Meeting (The Cricketers)

April

3 Committee Meeting? – tbc

10 Monthly Business Meeting

(Easter: 14-17 April)

23 Campaign ride? – tbc

28 (Thurs) Pub Meeting (The Rockstone)

May

8 AGM

June

Skyride and Bike Week